



NAVY BAND NORTHWEST

BRASS QUINTET

“Five Star Brass”

The Navy Band Northwest Brass Quintet, “Five Star Brass,” performs throughout the Pacific Northwest for a variety of military functions and public concerts. The group primarily plays for Retirement and Change of Command Ceremonies. With 69 performances to audiences of over 11,000 last year, it is Navy Band Northwest’s most requested performing unit. They have the capability of performing myriad musical styles including Classical, Dixieland, Jazz, and Contemporary music. Comprised of two trumpets, a french horn, a trombone, and a tuba, their repertoire crosses all boundaries. They are capable of performing everything from Master Classes to Patriotic Openers and are regularly featured at concerts throughout the Puget Sound area for the local Navy and civilian communities. The group consists of talented, versatile Navy musicians and provides a wide variety of music for audiences of all ages and walks of life.

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LEADER, “*FIVE STAR BRASS*” QUINTET

Musician Chief Barry N. Crenshaw, U.S. Navy

A native of Salem, Oregon, Chief Crenshaw is currently the Leader of the Brass quintet, Five Star Brass. He graduated South Salem High School in 1976, where he was active in both instrumental and choral programs. He won 1st place in the State Solo Contest and was selected as the principal tubist for America's Youth in Concert, an opportunity that allowed him to tour Europe for 2 weeks. He went on to obtain his Bachelor of Music Performance from Willamette University in 1980.

Chief Crenshaw enlisted in the Navy in 1984 and attended Recruit Training at RTC, San Diego, California. After Boot Camp, he attended Musician's "A" School at the Navy School of Music, in Norfolk Virginia, where he learned to play Electric Bass Guitar. Subsequent assignments included duty with Navy Bands at Norfolk, Virginia (1984-1988), San Diego (1989-1992), Seattle (1992-1996), and Naval Support Activity, Memphis, Tennessee (1997-1999). He volunteered for duty as a Navy Recruiter and spent the next 4 years working out of Portland, Oregon, first as an Enlisted Recruiter and then as an Officer Recruiter for the NROTC Scholarship program.

He has held his current position as Leader of the Brass Quintet since June of 2004. Chief Crenshaw is also a featured vocalist and leader of a holiday brass group.

Personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal (four awards), the Good Conduct Medal (five awards), National Defense Medal (two awards), the Navy Pistol Expert Medal, Recruiting and Sea Service ribbons. He has three daughters, Briana (23), Mariah (21) and Alexandra (8).

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